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### HOSPITAL IN AFRICA

Years ago missionaries who were sent to foreign lands, carried with them only the Bible and taught the heathens the lessons therefrom. This method was helpful, but it developed that the natives required more than these as a foundation upon which to build a sturdy Christian life. The school house followed and in more recent years, instruction in husbandry and now the care of health by the establishing of hospitals at strategic points. These have an effective appeal upon the natives, causing them to more readily respond to religious teachings. Conceiving the modern ideals of missionary work, the colored members of the Congregational and Christian Churches are maintaining at Galangue, Angola, West Africa, just such a set up. The work was opened by the Rev. McDowell and his wife, years ago, followed by Mr. Cole, who taught the industries. These were followed by a physician, Dr. McMillan, who left a lucrative practice in Omaha, Neb. as well as political prestige to take up the work at this far-off place. He is giving very effective service in conducting the Willis T. Pierce Memorial Hospital. In a work of this kind there are great handicaps, mainly trained helpers. He trained these from the natives who are proving adepts. Dr. McMillan has succeeded in making this memorial hospital a medical center for this section of Africa. In the outpatient department during the past several years between twenty-five and forty thousand patients have been treated. While the hospital is mainly for the natives, but European whites take advantage of its facilities, medical and surgical. Real Missionary work is being done at Galangue. It should have an appealing affect on all of us in America who should liberally donate to its furtherance in order that larger facilities may be obtained, and greater good accomplished.